

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 10-25 with the following replacement paragraph:

In accordance with the present invention, the above and other problems are solved by an improved battery pack. The battery pack of the present invention is used for powering a hand-held portable electronic device such as a wireless telephone, hand-held personal computer, or personal digital assistant. The battery pack includes a generally rectangular battery cell where the battery cell has an upper surface and a lower surface, a length, a width and a thickness suitable for insertion into a hand-held portable device. The battery pack includes a battery cell casing for enclosing an outer perimeter of the battery cell, and the casing has a ~~width~~ thickness equal to the thickness of the battery cell. A pair of locking latches for latching the battery pack to the hand-held portable electronic device are included and the first locking latch of the pair of locking latches is defined along a first side of the battery cell and a second locking latch of the pair of locking latches is defined along a second side of the battery cell opposite the first locking latch. A locking latch catch is defined along an outer edge of each of the first and second locking latches for engaging latching detents defined within the interior casing of the hand-held electronic device for securing the battery pack within the electronic device.

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 1-13 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

The battery cell 110 is encased in a battery casing 120, which is preferably constructed from a light-weight polycarbonate material. The ~~width~~ thickness of the battery casing is equal to the thickness of the battery cell 110. On each side of the battery pack 100, a battery locking latch 130 is integrated with the battery casing 120 for latching the battery pack ~~110~~ 100 to the interior of an electronic device 105, such as a wireless telephone. The battery locking latches 130 may be constructed from the same material from which the battery casing 120 is constructed, and preferably, the battery casing 120 and battery locking latches 130 are

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constructed through a single construction process, such as injection molding, so that the strength of the connections between the battery locking latches 130 and the battery casing 120 are as strong as possible. Along the outer sides of the battery locking latches 130 are a pair of locking latch catches 135 for engaging battery latching detents 155 located on the inner housing of the wireless electronic device 105 in which the battery pack ~~440~~ 100 is inserted.

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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIGS. 2-4. These sheets replace the original sheets including FIGS. 2-4.

Attachment:            Replacement Sheets  
                             Annotated Sheets Showing Changes